Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An identification information managing system comprising a reissue terminal unit for accepting reissue of a ticket or card embedded with an IC chip, a local server for managing utilization of said ticket or card, and a center server for managing a ticket/card ID of the ticket or card corresponding to an IC chip ID of said IC chip, wherein

said reissue terminal unit reads a new IC chip ID of a new ticket or card after reissue from said new ticket or card and besides receives an input of an old ticket/card ID of an old ticket or card before the reissue so as to transmit to said center server said new IC chip ID and said old ticket/card ID together with a reissue request message;

said center server retrieves whether said old ticket/card ID exists and when determining that said old ticket/card ID exists, transmits to said reissue terminal unit a reissue permission message and transmits to said local server at least one of an old IC chip ID corresponding to said old ticket/card ID and said old ticket/card ID, said new ticket/card ID and said new IC chip ID, together with reissue notification message; and

said local server makes said new ticket/card ID and said new IC chip ID valid in place of said old ticket/card ID and said old IC chip ID.

2. (Original) An identification information managing system according to claim 1 further comprising a utilization terminal unit for accepting utilization of said ticket or card, wherein

said utilization terminal unit receives an input of an ID of said ticket or card from a utilizer of said ticket or card and transmits said ticket/card ID to said local server;

said local server transmits said ticket/card ID to said center server;

said center server retrieves whether said ticket/card ID exists and when determining that said ticket/card ID exits, transmits an IC chip ID corresponding to said ticket/card ID to said local server; and

said local server stores said ticket ID and said IC chip ID by making the correspondence therebetween.

3. (Original) A center server capable of managing identification information for managing a ticket/card ID of a ticket or card and an IC chip ID of an IC chip embedded in said ticket or card by making the correspondence therebetween, comprising:

a reception processing unit for receiving a new IC chip ID of a new ticket or card after reissue and an old ticket/card ID of an old ticket or card, together with a reissue request message, from a reissue terminal unit for said ticket or card;

a retrieval unit for retrieving whether said old ticket/card ID exists; and

a transmission processing unit for transmitting, when the existence of said old ticket/card ID in the database is determined, a reissue permission message to said reissue terminal unit and transmitting at least one of an old chip ID corresponding to

said old ticket/card ID and said old ticket/card ID and said new IC chip ID, together

with a reissue notification message, to a local server.

4. (Original) A center server according to claim 3 further comprising an

update processing unit responsive to a reissue of said ticket or card to update the

relation between new and old tickets or cards in said database.

5. (Original) A center server according to claim 3, wherein said transmission

processing unit transmits to said local server information of the relation between new

and old tickets or cards accompanied by the reissue of said ticket or card.

6. (Original) An identification information managing method aided by a

computer for managing a ticket/card ID of a ticket/card and an IC chip ID of an IC

chip embedded in said ticket or card by making the correspondence therebetween,

wherein

a database stores said ticket/card ID in correspondence with said IC chip ID;

a reception processing unit of said computer receives a new IC chip ID of a

new ticket or card after reissue and an old ticket/card ID of an old ticket or card

before reissue, together with a reissue request message, from a reissue terminal unit

for said ticket or card;

a retrieval unit of said computer retrieves whether said old ticket/card ID exists

in said database; and

a transmission processing unit of said computer transmits, when the existence

of said old ticket/card ID in said database is determined, a reissue permission

message to said reissue terminal unit and transmits at least one of an old IC chip ID

corresponding to said old ticket/card ID and said old ticket/card ID and said new IC

chip ID, together with a reissue notification message, to a local server.

7.-9. (Cancelled)